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2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>35-56,58-62,64-68,70-74 and 7</u>	<u>′6-82</u> .	
3. The drawings filed on <u>02 August 2001</u> are accepted by the	Examiner.	
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

- 1. Claims 35-56, 58-62, 64-68, 70-74, 76-82 are pending and under consideration in this Office Action.
- 2. Applicants' amendments and arguments filed on 03/01/2005 have been fully considered and are deemed to be persuasive to overcome the rejections previously applied. Rejections and/or objections not reiterated from the previous Office Action dated 12/02/2004 are hereby withdrawn in view of the extensive claim amendments. Specifically, said claim amendments have overcome the rejections made under 35 U.S.C. 112, 1st paragraph, enablement and written description.

## Allowable Subject Matter

- 3. Claims 35-56, 58-62, 64-68, 70-74, 76-82 are allowed.
- 4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Following a diligent search it was determined that prior art neither teaches nor suggests an isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, an isolated polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, a vector comprising said polynucleotides, host cells transformed with said polynucleotides, and a process for producing L-methionine by culturing said host cells.
- 5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."
- 6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christian L Fronda whose telephone number is (571)272-0929. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday between 9:00AM 5:00PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ponnathapura N Achutamurthy can be reached on (571)272-0928. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)273-8300.
- 7. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent

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